Pay for Your Paper.

We are sending out this week a large number of letters containing bills to delinquent subscribers A large per cent of them is to persons who stand high in the communities in which they live and who are amply able to pay their subscription bills to The Colored Amer ican. There seems to be, however, something in the nature of some people which opposes the paying of a newspaper bill. These letters are care fully worded and are not intended to offend any one. It is the wish of the manager of the paper, however, that those who receive the bills will acknowledge the receipt of them and send on their subscription.

This will be a great year because of the impending campaign, because of the prosperity which follows a war, because of the Paris Exposition and last, but not least, because of the progress being made by the Afro-American everywhere. Those who have read The Colored American from year to year and who have followed its f rtunes cannot afford to miss it this year; but still, if those to whom bills have been sent do not remit, they may expect to part company with the paper and to be dunned by a lawyer for the amount that is due. It is a matter of business and it takes money to run a newspaper. The friends of the paper will not get offended, but the "dead beat" will probably write an insulting latter. The Colored American wants to hear from every subscriber whose subscription is in arrears.

#### "Owner" or "Tenant."

Statistics concerning ownership or tenancy of homes are being eagerly awaited by many persons who realize the importance of these statistics as a means of showing the real prosperity of the colored people.

Reports received from recent conferences and conventions in the South indicate encouraging progress of the race in industrial knowledge and in the number engaged in professional pursuits. Such reported gains can best be proved beyond dispute by census facts bearing on the ownership of nomes among the colored people. These statistics will be made up entire ly from the replies to the questions of the census enumerators. No matter be conducted in strict conformity with what the dwelling is, whether a hum ble cabin or a fine residence, if it is the abiding place of a family its ownership will be taken and recorded by the census.

Whether the occupant is in debt for his house or his land or has bought on a contract, he is an owner. Every householder is ei her an "owner" or a

It is believed that one of the most gratifying facts to be developed by the census will be the greatly increased number of the colored race who have succeeded in becoming owners of their

#### A New Music Hall.

Yes, the erection of a music hall and roof garden controlled by Airo-Americans in the city of Washington is bound to come in the near future. Having fitted a long felt want by the firmation of a first-class band and a permanent chorus, Bandmaster Hoffman is now laying plans towards the building of a music hall. By attending the second annual musical festival scheduled for June 8, at the Academy of Music you will endorse this great undertaking. At present Mr. Hoffman has under his control one hundred and thirty-five musicians. On account of the large stage required for so great a number it is out of the question to pro' duce a musical work of high order until after the regular theater season

The National Colored Teachers' Bureau.

In view of numerous inquiries The Colored American takes this occasion to attest the high character of the National Colored Teachers' Bureau, of this city. The establishment of such an institution in Washington, the recognized educational center of the country would seem to subserve a purpose of immeasurable usefulness to the educational public, and to justify its conduct along advanced lines. No petty annoyance of registration or membership fees, deposits, retainers or other exactions except a commission from those alone for whom it secures positions payable almost at their own convenience, characterizes the lofty purposes of this institution which well deserves the patronage of the more sdvanced educational fraternity. Another feature of this Bureau which in itself is sufficient to reccommend it to public esteem is the fact that the most rigid requirements as to fitness are imperatively demanded of all applicants for enrollment, thus maintaining a high standard of excellence, and furaishing a most stimulating incentive to proficiency in those who would enter the profession.

Pasibly there is hard y an institution in this country but what has had its thoubles in casting about for suitable teachers Competent teachers looking for commensurate compensa. tion have no less difficulties in finding positions. What a happy solution of the vexed problem is afforded both classes by this central medium, through which they can keep in perfect touch with each other's necessities? The brightest young men and women of all the states and the most premising graduates of all the leading institutions are rapidly enrolling in the National Colored Teachers' Bureau to meet the rapidly increasing demand for their services. Wide-awake and progressive educators fully appreciate the value of uch an institution as an adjunct of education. The National Colored Teacher-' Bureau is a fixture The public can rest well assured that it will uch advanced methods and integrity as must continue to recommend it to the esteem of the progressive educators of the country.

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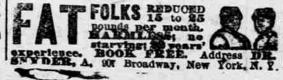
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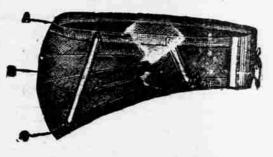
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